

ARKANSAS
WEATHER AND CROP PROGRESS



* HARVESTING WHEAT, OATS , HAY AND IRRIGATING CORN, RICE

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RELEASED: August 16, 1999 3:00 p.m. Arkansas was dominated by high pressure from Monday through Friday. Temperature normals were as much as 7 degrees higher. This month may be the 4th hottest on record if the temperatures hold. A weak cold front did provide some relief on Friday with a few severe storms. Most areas are well below in rainfall. Most crops were reported in good condition but in need of rainfall according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. 7.0 days were suitable for fieldwork. Soil moisture supplies were 41 percent very short, 47 percent short, 12 percent adequate and 0 percent surplus. The main farming activities of the week included finishing harvesting hay and planning for fall pastures, irrigating corn, soybeans, sorghum, and rice, and fertilizing corn, cotton, rice, and warm season forage, starting corn harvesting, scouting for sheath blight in rice and scouting for and treating webworms in soybeans.

CROPS: Spraying of cotton for insects were reported in the state. Herbicides were being applied to rice fields and soybean fields. Tree fruit and small fruits were being harvested throughout the state. Melons were also being harvested throughout the state.

LIVESTOCK: Livestock were reported in good condition, but the hot and humid weather was causing deaths in poultry and livestock. Cattle producers continued to market cattle and wean calves. Cattle were given Brucellosis vaccinations, treated for external parasites for summer insect control by dusting and ear tagging cattle.

Crop Progress and Conditions

Progress %				Condition % ¹				
CROP Stage	Current Week	Previous Year	5 Year Average	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
SORGHUM				1	9	38	46	6
Headed	99	95	94					
Turning Color	64	49	49					
COTTON				0	6	29	44	21
Setting Bolls	100	100	100					
Bolls Opening	2	5	3					
RICE				1	4	25	50	20
Headed	88	80	81					
Harvested	0	0	0					
SOYBEANS				3	14	35	37	11
Blooming	91	86	82					
Setting Pods	62	52	51					
CORN				0	2	26	52	20
ALFALFA				9	13	31	42	5
OTH. HAY				8	21	46	24	1
PASTURE				9	32	40	18	1

¹Condition published after at least 10% of crop has emerged, and continues until 90% of crop has been harvested.

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